



# BEAR FACTS

Issue 21: February 11, 2025

## From the Principal

I was discussing the upcoming Valentine's Day parties with a parent and told her I have such fond memories of school Valentine parties as a kid *and* a teacher....school is a great place to be on Valentine's Day!

That reminded me of a song Mrs. Lange wrote for our annual talent show act several years ago to the tune of "It's a Hard-Knock Life" from *Annie*. It's a great thought for Valentine's Day:

It's a heart-filled life for us,  
It's a heart-filled life for us.  
Children care for you and me,  
When you're teaching...can't you see?  
It's a heart-filled life.

Teaching lessons is so great,  
Fractions, grammar, 8+8  
Nouns and adverbs can't be beat,  
So much knowledge is a feat  
It's a heart-filled life.

Gleam and glitter, glue and paint,  
Messy rooms can make you faint,  
What we do so they can learn,  
What we get is more-than-earned.  
It's a heart-filled life.

We are teachers, we love you.  
Kids are special...yes, it's true.  
Teaching is the job we love,  
Joy and blessings from above.  
It's a heart-filled life.



*Happy Valentine's Day!*  
Dr. Fink

## Coming Up

- **Feb. 11**-SEEDS Parent Education Night
- **Feb. 12**-Kindergarten Info Night 6:30 PM
- **Feb. 14**-Minimum Day-noon dismissal
- **Feb. 16**-Concordia University Irvine Choir Concert at BETHANY 4:00
- **Feb. 17**-No school-Presidents' Day
- **Feb. 21**-PTL Dance Party 2:30  
Third Quarter Progress Reports
- **Feb. 25** -PTL Meeting 6:30 PM
- **Feb. 26**-Cooks' Night Out-Wahoos
- **Mar. 5**- Ash. Wednesday
- **Mar. 7**-Fine Arts Festival/Open House
- **Mar. 9**-Daylight Savings Begins
- **March 14**-K-2 Spring Musical
- **March 21**-End Quarter 3
- **March 24-28 SPRING BREAK**

*Leading chapel this week:*

**Pastor Troy Mangram**

Parents, you are welcome to join us at 9:00 in the church.

### Refer a Friend Giveaway:

Now through February 28, participants can enter to win one of five \$100 gift cards by sharing their invite link with friends and family. Those who receive an invite can enroll and help earn for your organization. Participants will score an additional entry for every person who signs up through their link—the more they refer, the better their chances of winning!

This is a great way to increase your tuition rebate - get other people to earn on your behalf!

Your personal invite link can be found at the top right of the home page when you open your app. It is the person-shaped icon. There will be a choice to send as either a text message or an email. Note: Please do not share the link on public websites or social media pages. Doing so may expose our Scrip program to fraudulent activity.



### **Basketball game this week:**

**Thursday-Home vs. Loving Savior: Varsity 3:30, JV 4:30**



## **Remem-bear**

We've had NASTY bouts with colds, flu, noro-virus and now even pneumonia on our campus these past weeks...yikes!!! You can help us combat the spread by:

- Making sure your kids are getting lots of rest and vitamins
- Encouraging frequent hand-washing
- NOT sending your child to school sick...if they aren't feeling well or have had a fever in the last 24 hours, please keep them home!

**Thanks!!**

# Chapel Offerings

This month we will combine our offerings with all the Lutheran schools in our district to support our annual Hearts for Jesus project. This year's project will purchase "audio treasures" for people in Kenya, Myanmar, Indonesia and India. "Audio Treasures" are solar-powered devices with recordings of the Bible in the native tongues of the people. We hope to support 1000 "treasures" in our joint project! You can learn more about Unknown Nations and this project [here](#).

*Coming next week: a friendly "coin war" chapel offering competition!*

## Middle School Corner

*A glimpse at the middle school curriculum.*

### 8th Grade

**History:** The American Revolution - the first battles

**English:** Elements of poetry, analyzing poetry, and writing poetry

**Math:** Understand and Analyze Functions; Systems of Linear Equations and Inequalities

**Science:** We just finished up our space unit covering planets and stars in our solar system and in our local cluster of stars including the Milky Way. If you get a chance- pop outside tonight and ask your 8th grader about the difference between absolute and apparent magnitude of the stars you see.

**Literature:** A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park

**Spanish:** Vocabulary building and storytelling

**Spiritual Formation:** The time of the Judges - Samson and Samuel

### 7th Grade

**History:** Medieval India - the Gupta Empire

**English:** Elements of poetry, analyzing poetry, and writing poetry

**Math:** Solve Problems Using Percentages

**Science:** We wrapped up our section on Mendelian genetics and will be moving on to our creation/evolution conversation. Ask your 7th grader about the difference between micro and macro.

**Literature:** The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

**Spanish:** Vocabulary building and storytelling

**Spiritual Formation:** The story of Joseph

### 6th Grade

**History:** Ancient Greece - Sparta and Athens

**English:** Elements of poetry, analyzing poetry, and writing poetry

**Math:** Understand and Use Percentages; Area, Surface Area and Volume

**Science:** We are continuing on with plates and their movements- now connecting what we already know from before to earthquakes and the. Volcanoes very soon. Ask your 6th grader what an "L" wave is when you get the chance.

**Literature:** Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

**Spanish:** Vocabulary building and storytelling

**Spiritual Formation:** The story of Moses

BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

# 3 STEP

## *Re-Registration*

*2025-2026*

1

FEBRUARY

Confirm and update  
all family information  
in Gradelink



2

MARCH

Registration Fee  
charged - no tuition  
this month!

3

ANYTIME!

Refer a new family and  
get your Registration  
Fee credited back on  
December's tuition bill\*

\*one-time amount of \$315 only, max once per year

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# Parent Education Night

## Helping Your Child Work Through Big Feelings

Join us as LCSW, Keira Merkovsky discusses the purpose and function of emotions and feelings. Some topics we will review are, what is happening in the child's body when big feelings are present, common mistakes parents make when addressing those feelings, what the child needs from the parent in those moments and tools parents can use to help their child.

*Child care will be available.*



*Childcare Signup*

### Guest Speaker:

***Keira Merkovsky, LCSW***

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and a Parent Educator. Passionate about helping parents and individuals in developing coping skills and self-awareness. Keira has a private practice in Southern California, where she provides individual therapy, and conscious parenting support.

Hosted by

**Bethany  
Lutheran School**

**Tuesday**

**February 11, 2025**

**6:30pm**

### About Us

SEEDS Christian Counseling offers a variety of mental health services to students in K-12 Christian schools.

Bethany Lutheran Church Presents

THE  
*Brianna Esswein*

MEMORIAL  
GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025 || 8:00AM START  
THE NAVY GOLF COURSE

Register by Feb. 24!



<https://bit.ly/BLCGolf25>

FEBRUARY 17-28, 2025

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# Coin Wars

This month our school is partnering with Unknown Nations, this year's Pacific Southwest District Hearts for Jesus Project. Unknown Nations helps to bring God's Word to unreached groups of people in some of the most remote and spiritually dark places in the world through Solar Powered Audio Bibles (also known as "Treasures").

Check out [UnknownNations.com](http://UnknownNations.com) for more information.

**WE ARE HAVING A FRIENDLY CLASS COMPETITION!**

**AT START OF EACH SCHOOL DAY, STUDENTS CAN PUT U.S. COINS IN THEIR OWN CLASS JAR IN FREEDOM SQUARE.**

**ADDITIONALLY, THEY CAN PUT U.S. DOLLAR BILLS INTO OTHER CLASS JARS TO SUBTRACT FROM THAT CLASS' TOTAL.**

**WE WILL DETERMINE THE WINNING CLASS BY ADDING UP THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE COINS & SUBTRACTING THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR BILLS. THEN, WE WILL DIVIDE THE CASH VALUE REMAINING BY THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THAT CLASS.**

**THE WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A CLASS PARTY!**

**ALL FUNDS RAISED IN THIS ACTIVITY WILL GO TO UNKNOWN NATIONS!**

